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## TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK

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### INFORMATION THROUGH EMAIL

Any resident that would like to be kept abreast of the issues facing our town via electronic communication from Hollywood Park City Hall may send your email address to: [mail@hollywoodpark-tx.gov](mailto:mail@hollywoodpark-tx.gov)

### Coyote Activity

*I have had 2 residents contact city hall about coyote sightings in recent months, so I contacted a biologist with the Texas Parks & Wildlife to get his opinion. After spending time in the neighborhood, the biologist told me there is nothing to worry about at this time. Action should not be taken nor should the public be concerned with rumors about urban coyotes. Coyotes follow predictable patterns that can be altered when a problem is documented. These behaviors are usually documentable and repetitive. These are 7 warning behaviors to be aware of:*

- 1 An increase in observing coyotes on streets and in yards at night
- 2 Coyotes approaching adults and/ or taking pets at night
- 3 Early morning and late afternoon daylight observance of coyotes on streets and in parks and yards
- 4 Daylight observance of coyotes chasing or taking pets
- 5 Attacking and taking pets on leash or in close proximity to their owners, chasing joggers, bicyclists, and other adults
- 6 Seen at mid-day around children's play area, school grounds, or parks
- 7 Coyotes acting aggressively towards adults in mid-day

*The last step in the progression in physical contact between a coyote and a human.*

*The biologist suggested that residents call in to city hall and report any incident with coyotes. With documented evidence and written descriptions of these incidents, decision makers can be well-informed and can justify any action or inaction.*

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### Annual Budget Workshop

Every year at this time our staff and the council work to establish the budget for the upcoming year. We usually run a very stringent budget in an attempt to keep our taxes as low as possible. Because of this approach to budget setting, we never seem to have enough money to do any significant street repairs. We have been budgeting approximately \$105,000.00 for the last several years. If you know anything about the costs of street repair you know this amount prohibits us from doing much. I hope we can increase our budget in that area this year since our streets are really looking terrible. We are in the process of exploring our options on a bond for future street repairs.

### Election Results Are In

Our election season is over once again. Both Incumbents, Bruce Graham and Ken Ballard were re-elected. In place 5, the top vote getter was Bob Moore. Our current council is as follows:

Bruce Graham—Place 1

Ellen Alkire—Place 2

Ken Ballard—Place 3

Jeff Kuglen—Place 4

Bob Moore—Place 5

Jeff Kuglen recently bought a home in Bluff View and is moving as soon as it is ready. He tendered his resignation to me at the last council meeting. I am very sorry to see Jeff leave the council and our town; however, I know his family will be happy in their new home. Council will now appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of Jeff's term.

### Bexar Met Update

Some of you are aware that there was legislation in Austin this session regarding Bexar Met. The original bill would have taken control away from Bexar Met and our elected board members and put in place a new board comprised of the Bexar County commissioner's court and officials from surrounding counties with Bexar Met customers. If passed, the plan was to have SAWS run our water system under the direction of this new board. A board, that residents of Hollywood Park would not have much influence over. Fortunately, this original bill was not approved.

The legislation was modified from its original form with a substitute bill drafted by Senator Carlos Uresti. The legislature set up an oversight committee that will oversee the operations of Bexar Met into receivership. There will also be a TCEQ required audit within 30 days of the Governor signing off on the bill.

Part of Bexar Met's long term water management plan is to educate the water users on conservation of our water resources. Xeriscaping is one of the preferred methods of conserving water in this area. We will work on scheduling a community workshop for anyone interested in learning more about Xeriscaping their yards. Bexar Met also had to implement a rate structure, similar to SAWS, that will penalize the heavier water users. I am sure some of us in Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village will see an increase in our bills due to the size of our yards. You can log on to our town's web site, [www.hollywoodpark-tx.gov](http://www.hollywoodpark-tx.gov) to see a link for the new rate plan.

Bexar Met will be at the June council meeting to discuss the new rate structure.

